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Jewish Federation of Brevard & Indian River Counties

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The mission of the Federation is to support and further the common interest of the Jewish Community through Jewish Education, Social Services and Support of Israel.

# President's Report

Shalom,

I hope everyone had a pleasant summer. Now that everyone is back from vacation, I would like to introduce you to a new program being adopted by the Federation. By the time you read this, every Jewish family on our mailing list should have received a letter and Jewish themed book from the PJ Library. This program founded and funded in part by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, will deliver by mail a similar age appropriate book to each child in the family free each month. Each book contains a parent teaching guide to help parents discuss the Jewish theme with their children. A description of the program and sign-up instructions appear elsewhere in this Connection.

The Federation has agreed to fund \$40.00 per child up to 128 children. Parents, grandparents or friends of someone with young children who live outside of Brevard and Indian River counties are welcome to purchase a gift subscription. The cost is \$60 per child per year. Please visit [www.pjlibrary.org/gift/php](http://www.pjlibrary.org/gift/php) or call the PJ Library at (413) 439-1981 to find out more details.

In order to afford the subscription fee, the Board of Directors of the Federation has decided to hold an annual fundraiser for PJ Library. The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual PJ Library Program fundraiser, a Casino Night will be held at the Radisson Hotel on the beach in Indialantic on August 29, 2009. The affair will run from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, will include dessert, the casino games, prize baskets and a silent art auction. The cost is \$50.00 per person and tickets are available from the Federation Office and individual Board members. More on the Casino Night can be seen elsewhere in this Connection.

If you would like to contribute to the prize baskets, sponsor a game table, provide a piece of art or a gift certificate for the silent auction, or help in any other way, please contact the office at 951-1836. Of course, should we raise more money than needed for the PJ Library; the rest of the money will be used for the Federation general fund.

It is also my pleasure to announce that the Federation sponsored BBYO chapter had 12 teenagers at its last event, a rock climb. With twelve members the Chapter has reached its goal to re-charter, and the BBYO program is once again live and well in Brevard County. Anyone desiring more information please contact Youth Chairperson Maelyn Lessard. The Federation would like to acknowledge Space Coast Lodge of B'nai B'rith's financial support in assisting in the re-chartering of the BBYO Chapter.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Howard Rothman

## JFBIRC Scholarship Deadlines:

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Connection Coordinator: Lindy Barnett

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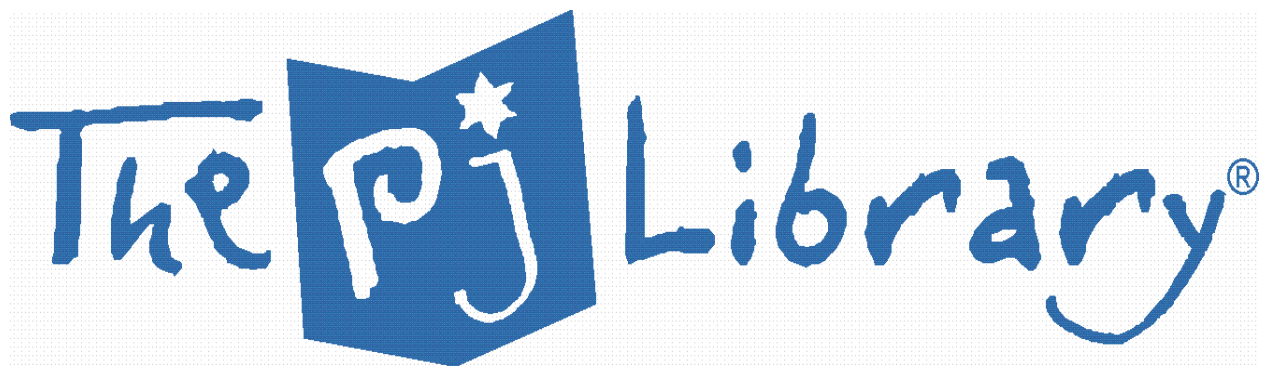
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***The deadline for the next issue is August 25, 2009. All decisions remain subject to discretion of the Jewish Federation of Brevard and Indian River Counties.***



The PJ Library was developed to reach out to Jewish families with young children to help create stronger Jewish homes—homes that foster children’s curiosity about their Jewish heritage and help families explore their Jewish identity. Each participating child in our community from age six months through age eight will receive a high quality Jewish children’s book or CD every month. Each book comes with a guide to help families use the selection in their homes. The books and music have been selected by foremost early-childhood experts; the selection represents a wide array of themes related to Jewish holidays, folktales and Jewish family life.



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Select PJ Library and fill out the form.

If you do not have internet access please call the Federation office at (321) 951-1836

**Help support this new program: Attend the Casino Night or send a donation to the Jewish Federation of Brevard and Indian River Counties**

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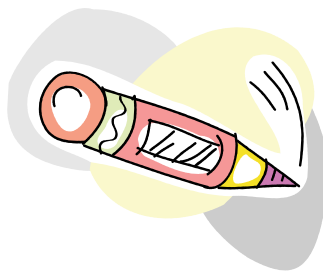
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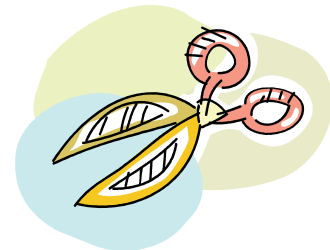
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## Semites and Anti-Semites

Shlomo Fleischmann

It is common knowledge that being anti Semitic means being anti Jewish. To call the hate against Jews as anti-Semitic is a lie. There are about 500 million Semites in the world, but the typical anti-Semite does not hate the 490 million – he hates only the, about 10 million Jews. So why this double faced farce to call anti Jewish hatred anti Semites? The hate is against Jewish Semites only. Does this misleading expression of anti-Semitism attempt to cunningly hide the bias?

In truth, the Jews helped individuals, nations and their leaders with a golden opportunity to let off steam. It was more acceptable to discharge anger on a Jew, than to hit a wife or to a kick a dog.

Hate against Jews has not only served as an outlet against frustration, it also provided an excuse for covering up failures. Lastly, Anti Jewish actions were mighty opportunistic tools to achieve political goals.

Nazi Germany elevated its people to “super-race” heights’ worthy to rule the world. But when their hungry people asked: why is this wonderful super-race incapable of putting food on the table, the answer of the leadership was easy; “It is not our fault! It is all the fault of the Jews.” We all remember the subsequent results. These anti Jewish sentiments and anti- Jewish actions are patterns, which were established thousands of years ago.

The Roman Empire, which conquered many countries, also conquered the land of the Jews. The Jews revolted but eventually were subdued and forcefully exiled. The Jews were scattered into many countries and became a small minority in every country they lived in. Being a minority and being weak provokes the bully. The single bully will always find a reason to attack. A group of bullies will do the same. Numerous reasons were invented to justify the blaming, hitting and murdering of the Jews. Jews were blamed as God-killers, as killers of Christian children for the children’s blood, they were accused of bringing the pest, they were regarded as cheaters, and thieves.

In short, people attributed to Jews all sort of imaginary crimes. On the other hand, Jews were blamed for ruling the world, for controlling governments, the finances and the media. They were blamed as Capitalists as well as Communists and who knows maybe even the creators of the hurricanes. The question is; if the Jews were so strong and so smart, why did they have to live in Ghettoes and why were they blamed, persecuted, murdered and homeless for 2000 years.

And now when the Jews regained a tiny part of their ancient land and there could be peace, the cry goes out: “Israel stole Arab land” and again it is the Jew who is blamed.

History repeats itself. Once there were the Nazis, who could not explain their greatness as super-race, with their incapability to grant their people a good life. Today it is the extreme part of Islam, which needs to explain their inability to grant their population a good life. And as usual, the blame falls on the Jews. It is all the fault of the Jews. Islam declares, as one of the greatest traits of God is to be “merciful.” Yes, Allah is merciful, but the extremists, who proclaim to act in the spirit of God – are not.

In 1948 when the United Nation declared the establishment of “One Jewish and one Arab country”, smart and merciful Arabs could have shared a peaceful life with this tiny little country, called Israel, refrained from war which would have left Arab and Jewish refugees in their homes. Peace and prosperity would have thrived then, as well as today and forever.

By blaming the Jews the world falls back to the old familiar habit of turning the Jews into a scapegoat. It was permissible then and apparently still practiced today. The Jews are the convenient scapegoat for other leaders’ failures and incompetence.

There is no reason that the believers in one God, Semites or otherwise could not live in peace together. The recipe is easy. Don’t fight others, stay where you are and make the best out of your life. And when you don’t succeed as hoped for....do not blame others.

# Camp Shemesh

We were concerned this year as our staff gathered the week before Camp Shemesh started this past June. Many of us wandered into the new Lucy Podnos Education Center with shaking heads. Seventeen teenagers, co-directors Philip Karman and Sharon Deligdish, and Pamela Stern a teacher at Brevard Jewish Community School who was volunteering part time. Could we make this home? The staff worked hard during orientation, full days of learning the day to day curriculum, contributing ideas, game suggestions, preparing projects, setting up and decorating rooms. They learn to work together in teams, develop skills in communication, leadership, time management and spontaneous creativity!

After four very busy and active weeks, the verdict came back-yes- we have a new home. The focal point of this new space was the amazing multipurpose room. Along with being the lunch room, the Boker Tov (morning assembly) room, the Arts and crafts center when the staff of the Craft Factory brought amazing projects for our campers, it was our athletic center. With newly purchased equipment including badminton, volleyball, and everyone's favorite (especially Philip's) hockey.

Our campers had a lot of new experiences this summer along with time honored traditions! Our Color War week honored the Mac-cabiah games which were held in Israel this July. Team Tel Aviv, Team S'fat, and Team Haifa competed for a full week with games, athletics, creativity, and knowledge.

Another tradition, baking fresh Challah on Fridays was enhanced by weekly Shabbat presentations from each camp group. All this along with Blizzard Beach, Pump It Up, Tumbleweeds Gymnastics, Boot Camps, and the Craft Factory kept us busy, but not too busy for our Tzedakah Project, The Florida Wildlife Hospital. Over our month of camp, we collected money and supplies and during our last week of camp the Director of the Wildlife Hospital came with a beautiful Barred Owl to give a presentation and accept our gifts of a truck full of supplies and over \$400.

Seeing new faces every year is very rewarding, but just as rewarding is welcoming back those we've met before. As we pack up camp, we talk about what we felt were the most successful moments, what we would change or add...One thing we feel the strongest about is the gift of watching these wonderful kids grow and develop. We now have kids who started with us as young 4 or 5 year old campers who are college graduates. We've had 5 staff weddings (two who started dating as staff members and married each other!) and our first baby!.

We are looking forward to next year in our new home.



# Israel Scouts Visit Temple Beth Shalom

Submitted by Mindy Lessem Pollack

*The Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan, a group of highly talented Israeli boys and girls performed at Temple Beth Shalom on Saturday, June 6, 2009. The Friendship Caravan, sponsored by the Friends of Israel Scouts, Inc. is part of a larger delegation of Israel Scouts who, each summer, represent Israel at camps and communities across North America. For over thirty years the Friendship Caravan has been spreading their message of peace, brotherhood and friendship throughout North America. Through song and dance, conversations and activities, they warm your hearts and bring a piece of Israel right to you. Audiences of all ages, cultures and religions enjoyed this performance.*

Each member of the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan, like all members of the summer delegation, is a proud member of the Israel Scouts Movement who has gone through extensive interviews and a challenging selection process. They must each demonstrate strong leadership skills, a high level of scouting and an incredible knowledge of Israeli and Jewish history. Fluency in English and strong communication skills are also requirements for each delegate.



Members of the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan 2009



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Lucy Podnos Education Center, 5995 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne (*Located behind Temple Beth Shalom Synagogue*)

# A New Year Begins for BJCS


Submitted by Bertrice Vasconi, Director

As August fast approaches, the school is anxiously awaiting the start of another challenging and spiritually enlightening year. The students will return on August 17th to begin their innovative academic and Jewish studies for 2009-2010.

Educational opportunities exist for your child as young as two-years-old with our foundation building Two-Year-Old Program through Grade 6. This SACS/CASI accredited and designated "School of Excellence" offers programs for the high achiever. The curriculum is diversified, integrated and centered around the individual child and develops life-long learners. We invite you to tour our new state-of-the-art education building, and see first-hand the educational opportunities available for your child.

In the true meaning of unity, we at Brevard Jewish Community School invite you to assist us with the school's mission and goals. There are many small ways you can help us throughout the year; bring in "Boxtops for Education" labels from specifically marked product boxes (i.e. General Mills, Pillsbury, etc.), we collect toiletry items for the Hacienda Girls Ranch (home for teenage girls), and used ink cartridges (except Epson), used cell phones, and used laser cartridges for which we receive rebates back to the school. Also, in late August look for information regarding our annual "Gifts of Honey" fundraiser for Rosh Hashanah.

As in the past, we thank you for your community support. Please feel free to stop by BJCS for a visit to learn more about our innovative programs and personal tour.



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# Congregation Mateh Chaim

This summer has been filled with relaxing, vacations, family occasions and fun, but it is now time to focus on the year ahead. Our Board of Directors have been busily planning for another exciting year for members of Mateh Chaim. We hope to see our members, and friends in the community, at many of these planned Holiday and social events, as well as High Holy Days and Shabbat Services.

Marilyn Schiff and her High Holy Day committee are busy with preparations and looking forward to sharing this years services with everyone. Letters for reservations will be sent out to our members, and non members who have attended services in years past, by the middle of August. Anyone wishing information about attending High Holy Days at Mateh Chaim should contact Marilyn Schiff 723-7266 ASAP.

High Holy Day services will be under the leadership of Rabbi Fred Natkin and Harriet May. Services will once again be held at Riviera United Church of Christ in Palm Bay. Our annual Food Pantry Drive will also be run during the holiday's collecting gift cards from Publix, Walmart, Winn Dixie and/or bags of non perishable food. We are committed to helping those in need within the community and thank you all for your support.

The annual Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner will be held on Friday, August 28, beginning at 6pm at RUCC. This tradition, started nearly 15 years ago, is a time when members gather to rekindle friendships, tell of summer vacations, brag about family happenings, welcome new members, welcome back Rabbi Natkin from his summer hiatus and of course eat a delicious Sabbath meal. For information call Marilyn Schiff. Shabbat Services begin at 7:30 PM with Rabbi Natkin, followed by an Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Board of Directors.

Special thanks to Harriet May for leading our Shabbat Services this summer. As usual her special flare adds to the spirituality of Shabbat. September Shabbat Services will be held on September 11, 2009 beginning at 7:30 PM followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

The board of Sisterhood, is also busy planning a calendar for the New Year. The first event will be catering the Oneg Shabbat following Erev Rosh Hashannah services and then the Breaking of the Fast meal following the conclusion of Yom Kippur services. A kick off event is being planned, so look for further information in the mail or in the next Mateh Chaim Newsletter. Membership to Sisterhood is open to women ages 18 and up. Members of Mateh Chaim or non-members are all welcome to join our service and social club.



## **Mt. Hebron Garden at Florida Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home**

For Information please call:

Eileen Pollard, Family Counselor

Phone (321) 636-5054 or (321) 917-8547

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Eileen.Pollard@sci-us.com

# Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coast

## Camp Gan Israel

No words can describe the fun and excitement experienced this past summer by over 40 children per week at Chabad Jewish Community Center's Camp Gan Israel.

Camp Gan Israel, affectionately called "Camp Gan Izzy", organized by Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coasts has just completed its 19<sup>th</sup> year. This year our theme was Gan Izzy on Wheels. The campers each learned vital lessons and skills toward building a meaningful life full of good deeds, with confidence and pride in their Jewish heritage. They learned that each individual can make a difference in the world, bringing their own unique talents, skills and Jewish knowledge into their own corner of the world, to make it a brighter place.

The camp included many activities such as sports, swimming, crafts, trips and Challah baking, which were all designed to enhance the children's self-esteem, teach cooperation, increase their level of responsibility, and imbue within them a rich tradition of Jewish values, customs and culture.

Parents were amazed at how much their children learned about their heritage in the short few weeks they were there. Thanks to camp director Shulamit Konikov and the amazing counselors who together were responsible for this summer's fantastic success.

Hats off to Chabad's friends and supporters in the community who have been so generous to help shoulder this undertaking to make available an excellent Jewish summer camp program for the children of Brevard & Indian River Counties. Through their generosity, we were able to offer scholarships without which many children in our own community would be deprived of a wholesome Jewish summer experience of fun and growth.

We encourage you to browse through the pictures at the Camp Gan Israel website, [www.campganizzy.com](http://www.campganizzy.com), and see for yourself the amazing times of fun and learning that all the campers enjoyed.

The following are quotes from parents of campers who attended CGI in prior years:

Scott has thoroughly enjoyed Camp Gan Israel! He has tried numerous camps over the years in Brevard County, and he has told me that this is my favorite camp! The counselors are really nice! From my view, the counselors are terrific, and I really appreciate how accommodating Shulamit and the counselors have been with Scott when he is unsure about a certain activity and how much effort they put into making sure every child has fun! Scott has loved cooking, swimming, kosher food hunts and especially the singing! I am thrilled that he has made some nice Jewish friends and comes home talking about them! Thanks for such a wonderful camp experience and we will definitely be back next summer for the whole month! ~ Lori Hurwitz

Camp Gan Israel was the best part of the entire summer. My three boys enjoyed camp so much. I enrolled them in a second week. They did not want it to end. The counselors were absolutely wonderful. We will miss them. I hope to see them again next summer. ~ Sarah Webb

We happened to be driving by and we came in to say hello and we were very impressed. My favorite thing was how warm and loving the counselors were, it makes me cry. I always felt that Guya would be safe and happy. It's the perfect place to send your child for a Jewish background and A LOT of fun! ~ Nancy Matican Bock

Camp Gan Israel is a wonderful thing. I have my grandchild, Dylan in it and he absolutely adores it. He comes 2 or 3 weeks every summer and has a blast. What more could I say, I am so happy that he participates in it!!! ~ Dr. Stanley Kaplan

I sent my children for the first time this summer to Camp Gan Izzy and I couldn't be happier as a mother. They are learning wonderful things and they come home sooo excited! They do great projects, play fabulous games and the counselors are amazing. Camp Gan Izzy is the best! We love it! ~ Dr. Susan Pinsky

# Temple Beth Sholom Religious School

Submitted by Ilene S. Herr, Religious School Principal

I invite you to look at Temple Beth Sholom Religious School as an option for your children during this school year. TBS Religious School offers a comprehensive Jewish education to the children of our congregation in Grades Kindergarten through High School. Our curriculum provides children with a working knowledge of their heritage, history, Hebrew language and universal synagogue skills.

Our goals go beyond training for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah. We are interested in teaching our young people the skills with which they need to be knowledgeable, productive, contributing and practicing Jews who understand the importance of carrying on the beliefs and traditions of Judaism throughout life.

Our school approaches Judaic curriculum in a way that shows our young people that Judaism has value to it, that it is always there for them, that it is fun and that it is important. Subject matter is age-appropriate, emphasizing the joys and responsibilities of being Jewish. Children learn about and celebrate festivals, learn rituals, values and teachings intrinsic to our religion.

Please visit our school in our beautiful new education building. We are located at 5995 North Wickham Road in Melbourne. Classes begin on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

You are welcome to stop by the Temple Office for Registration information or call the Temple Office at 254-6333 and we would be happy to mail you Registration and/or Membership information.

## Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood

Sisterhood is busy planning our activities for the coming year. Some of our all time favorites are returning, such as Israeli Dancing on Sundays, movie nights with the Men's club, our Luncheon and Card Party as well as our Book Club.

We are also planning New activities which include a PASS-OVER BEACH PARTY and BBQ on Sunday April 4th. at Pelican Beach Park. This event is a coordinating effort between the Sisterhood and Men's Club. There will be a nominal charge to cover the food. We are planning activities for the children, lots of music and Israeli dancing and general family activities. Be sure to mark your calendar now.

As usual, the gift shop continues to be the premier place in the county for all your Judaica needs. We will be featuring a selection of items for the upcoming holidays as well as items needed for your Bar and Bat Mitzvah. Our large selection of Tallitot can be tried on, felt or ordered. We even have some under \$50.00. We also have a selection of Greeting cards for all occasions. If you are interested in shopping or just browsing or need something special, appointments can be made by calling: **Sheila Golden AT 779-1777, FLO FLAX AT 409-0978 or SUSAN MOSER AT 255-4953.**

We hope to see everyone, not just Temple members at our events this year.

We wish all our friends a Happy, Health and Peaceful New Year.

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# Prime Time & Temple Talkers Reorganized

Submitted by Lucy Kline

Two senior groups, Prime Time in existence for over 20 years and Temple Talkers in existence for 10 years, are being revamped and changes are taking place. Starting in August, instead of each group meeting on a different Monday, both groups will meet on the second Monday of each month, jointly. The date August 10<sup>th</sup> will be the beginning of this new arrangement. The location too has changed from their previous “home” and now meetings will be held at One Senior Place in Viera in a combined way.

Rather than lunch and socializing first, Prime Time will begin at 11:00 with a program or speaker followed at noon by lunch break and socializing. At this time those attending the newly named Senior Talkers discussion group will join the lunch and social time. At 12:30 Senior Talkers will begin with the Moderator of the day. All are welcome to attend either session or both and socialize during the lunch break.

For the benefit of people new to these programs, the attendees bring their own “brown bag” lunches. Dessert & beverages are provided. Each Prime Time program is different and covers an assortment of interesting topics throughout the year. The Senior Talkers has rotating Moderators who open the discussions on various topics, usually of a controversial nature, giving us mental stimulation to keep our minds alert.

The August 10<sup>th</sup> program for Prime Time will be General Fred Blessé, retired military man who’s “life rivals the best action Hollywood film” according to one reporter.

The September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a DVD presentation of Comedian Jack Dunham.

All are welcome to attend either or both sessions. For further information about Prime Time please call 636-3484; for Senior Talkers please call 726-0660.

## Hadassah is Going Green for the Month of December

Please mark the date of Sunday, December 6, 2009 for a very special event to take place at Temple Israel. There will more news in the next few weeks regarding this fun filled and informative day. Stay tuned!

### Jewish Singles Social Club



If you are a single Jewish man or woman between the ages of 40-140, then we want you!!! Come experience the hottest Jewish singles group in Brevard County. No dues, No politics, No Temple affiliation required.

For more information call: Kandi (321) 432-3655 or email: [Momkandi@aol.com](mailto:Momkandi@aol.com)

# August - September 2009

## Community Calendar



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